

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. APP. NO. 09/996,086

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-17.

The application is in condition for allowance except for several formal matters.

Formal Matters

The Examiner has objected to the drawings, alleging poor quality number and letters. Applicant submits herewith a copy of formal drawings.

The Examiner has objected to the Declaration, alleging that the word "sole" should be -- joint--. Applicant notes that Rule 1.63 no longer requires the designation of "sole" or "joint". Therefore, the objection does not have a solid basis in the rule. Furthermore, even under the old rule, the Examiner is empowered to waive an objection in such a situation. See MPEP § 602.03. The undersigned spoke with the Examiner and with Primary Examiner David Ton and Supervisory Examiner Pinchus Laufer. Both of them agreed to waive this objection.

In the Office Action, the Examiner states that the "Assent of Assignees to Reissue and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)" needs a more positive statement that those executing this document are authorized to act on behalf of the Assignees. Applicant believes that the statement in the document as submitted is adequate. However, Applicant is providing a new "Assent of Assignees to Reissue and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)" executed by someone empowered to act on behalf of The Regents of University of California. An "Assent of Assignees to Reissue and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)" executed by someone empowered by Samsung to act on behalf of Samsung will be available shortly. In a telephone conversation on March 5, 2004, Examiner David Ton advised the undersigned to submit the "Assent of Assignees to Reissue and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)" as a Supplemental Response.

Finally, the Examiner requires submission of the original patent or a statement as to its loss. Submitted herewith is a the original patent 5,954,839.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

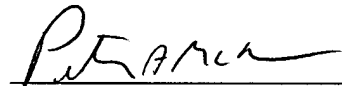
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